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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Tom ARNO (AGENT) (3) Jill WARDEN (SPE)
(2) P. KATHRYN BEX (EXAMINER) (4) James Sakaguchi (41,285)

Date of Interview 11/15/01

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Televideo Conference ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, brief description: _____

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: all of record

Identification of prior art discussed: Mac Endoe (USP 5,332,549) + Ishihara (USP 5,158,885)

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: _____

Examiner believes that the storage + retrieval module is its connection to the liquid handler should be included in an independent claim. Additionally need to describe the program which controls both the retriever + the liquid handling addressing a particular well selected. These changes are recommended for claims 20 + 24. Examiner recommends the

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an attachment to another form.

Kathryn Bex